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SUBJECT: RTP Growth Forecast Update Process

The current FY 04-05 OWP 05-055 requires Community Development Division to start the 2007 RTP growth forecasting process. As in previous forecasts, Community, Economic and Human Development Committee will oversee the RTP Growth Forecasting Update Process. Staff will work closely with subregions and subregional coordinators to move the process forward, and report key development and progress to Planning & Programming Technical Advisory Committee.

Community Development staff have started key preparation works from last July in order to lay the foundations to complete the RTP growth forecast update. Those preparation works, some still on-going, include developing 2000/2003 socioeconomic data for transportation modeling improvement, update and validation, coordinating with transportation analysis, programming, modeling and growth visioning staff on a master schedule for completion of RTP/EIR.

In light of the most recent socioeconomic trends and data at macro and region/county/city levels, it is expected that RTP growth forecast update will require only minor update/adjustment from the adopted 2004 RTP growth forecast. Thus, built upon the consensus reached for 2004 RTP Growth Forecast, staff envision the public participation and outreach process will just require quick consultations with forecasting experts, stakeholders, and simple reviews from subregions and local jurisdictions. Finally, the implementation of growth visioning strategies and their monitoring will provide inputs to refine growth distributions. Staff will formally present these findings and evidences in a separate meeting.

Given the recent initiative of accelerating the RTP update process, staff is currently preparing a revised growth forecast update schedule consistent with a shortened time line required under an accelerating RTP development process. The tentative major milestones of the accelerated RTP Growth Forecast Update Process to be completed by July 2006 include:

- April 2005: Survey Local Jurisdictions on the 2004 RTP Growth Forecast.
- April 2005: Draft 2006 RTP Growth Forecast Update of no-project forecast at region and county level.
- June 2005: Draft 2006 RTP Growth Forecast Update of no-project forecast at City/Small Area level.
- June 2005: Expert Workshop on Draft 2006 RTP Growth Forecast Update of no-project forecast (Staff Presentation).
- August 2005: Subregional Review of Draft 2006 RTP Growth Forecast Update.
- September 2005: Final Draft 2006 RTP Growth Forecast Update of no-project growth forecast
- October 2005: CEHD action to proceed the development of Draft 2006 RTP/EIR Growth Forecast Alternatives
- January 2006: Final Draft 2006 RTP Growth Forecast Update of Growth Forecast Alternatives
- June 2006: CEHD action to release Draft 2006 RTP/EIR Growth Forecast
- July 2006: CEHD action to adopt the 2006 RTP/EIR Growth Forecast.